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1. On 4 February 1954, the Pionier Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde quartered about 1,600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. Carbine firing was conducted in the billeting area daily between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. from 29 January to 4 February. No training activity was noticed outside the installation. On 4 February, 4 T-34/85 tanks left the installation toward town. 25X1
2. On 4 February, the barracks installation on Braunadorfer Strasse quartered about 1,800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. Between 29 January and 4 February, soldiers practiced carbine firing at the Spree target ranges (almost daily). No training activity was noticed outside the billeting area. 25X1
3. On 27 January, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops who mostly wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Some of the soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area. A single-mast radio station, a radio truck and, about 100 meters west of the radio station, two antenna masts, about 8 meters high, were located just north of the former flight operational control station. A similar installation was seen about 100 to 150 meters west of the aforementioned radio station. Twin-engine aircraft continuously flew over the billeting area. 25X1
4. On 27 January, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by about 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and tank insignia. There was intensive training activity in the billeting area. About 50 to 60 soldiers practiced aiming with 2 T-34/85 tanks, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia moved out into the terrain and about 60 to 80 soldiers did entrenching work. 25X1
5. On 27 January, the barracks installation on the road to Rauen quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 100 soldiers practiced rifle firing with live ammunition from earth bunkers in the training area southeast of the installation. 25X1

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Comment. It appears that the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse and the Pionier Kaserne are still occupied as was previously observed. According to strength, service color and insignia, the units in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne may be the light and medium regiment of the 63d AAA Div which have not been located since the fall of 1953. So far, the 688th Motor Trans Bn of the 7th Gds Mecz Div is held in the barracks installation along the road to Rauen.

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